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To: Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)
CWP Information Letter No. 03-04
CWP Rate Changes, **Effective September 1, 2003**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) HCSS providers effective September 1, 2003. The new rates are included on the attached Reimbursement Rate chart, which should be substituted for the Reimbursement Rate section of the CWP Provider Manual until a manual revision is distributed.

The proposed state fiscal year (SFY) 2004 and 2005 payment rates (effective September 1, 2003 and September 1, 2004) incorporate provisions in House Bill 1 regarding the appropriations for community programs for SFY 2004 and 2005 and HHSC Appropriations Rider 46. HHSC Appropriations Rider 46 requires that reductions to any long term care budget strategy shall be calculated without rebasing of current reimbursement rates and shall be shared equally across all Medicaid providers funded by the strategy. As a result, proposed payment rates for community-based programs have been reduced by 1.1 percent.

All claims for services delivered on or after September 1, 2003, will be processed using the new payment rates. Claims submitted by the provider for any services delivered on or after September 1, 2003, should be prepared using the new rates.

Please contact your contract manager if you have any further questions regarding this information letter. Contract managers should call Karen Kroyer at (512) 438-3444 if they have questions regarding this information letter.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Becky Beechinor
Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Long Term Care Services

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Attachments

CONSOLIDATED WAIVER PROGRAM **FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005**

Program	Unit	SFY 04/05 Rates	
		Unit Rate	
Personal Assistance Services	Hour	\$9.82	
Day Habilitation/Prevocational Services/			
Residential Habilitation (less than 24 hours)	Hour	\$12.02	
Supported Employment	Hour	\$21.15	
Registered Nurse Services	Hour	\$33.44	
Licensed Vocational Nurse Services	Hour	\$25.06	
Physical Therapy	Hour	\$64.57	
Occupational Therapy	Hour	\$61.59	
Speech/Language Pathology	Hour	\$60.55	
Audiology	Hour	\$60.55	
Psychological Counseling	Hour	\$68.95	
Social Work	Hour	\$45.70	
Behavioral Communication	Hour	\$68.95	
Orientation/Mobility Specialist	Hour	\$39.56	
Dietary Services	Hour	\$48.36	
Intervenor	Hour	\$12.02	
Independent Advocacy	Hour	\$12.02	
Pre-enrollment Assessment	Assessment	\$129.26	
In-Home Respite	Day	\$228.39	
Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC):			
AL/Single Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$46.09	
AL/Double Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$39.50	
Residential Care - Non-Apartment	Day	\$23.56	
AL/RC Out-of-Home Respite Services:			
AL/Single Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$61.28	
AL/Double Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$54.69	
Residential Care - Non-Apartment	Day	\$38.90	
Adult Foster Care (AFC):			
Level I	Day	\$18.71	
Level II	Day	\$32.27	
Level III	Day	\$65.52	
Adult Foster Care Out-of-Home Respite:			
Level I	Day	\$32.45	
Level II	Day	\$46.01	
Level III	Day	\$79.27	
24-Hour Residential Habilitation:			
Intermittent	Day	\$80.19	
Limited	Day	\$87.98	
Extensive	Day	\$99.14	
Pervasive	Day	\$118.09	
Family Surrogate Services:			
Intermittent	Day	\$43.54	
Limited	Day	\$46.90	
Extensive	Day	\$63.76	
Pervasive	Day	\$87.36	
Other Out-of-Home Respite:			
Hospital, Nursing Facility, ICF-MR, Camps, and Day Care Centers	Various	At HHSC approved rates or cost	
Requisition Fees - Adaptive Aids & Minor Home Modifications	Fee	See attached	

**REQUISITION FEES
FOR ADAPTIVE AIDS AND MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS
FOR THE COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES, CONSOLIDATED, AND
COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES WAIVERS**

Adaptive Aids and Medical Supplies	
Invoice Price	SFY 04/05 Rates
Under \$500	9.89% of cost
\$500 to \$999.99	\$53.44
\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$91.83
\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$104.50
\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$117.55
\$2,500 to \$2,999.99	\$132.73
\$3,000 to \$3,499.99	\$139.26
\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$145.40
\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$151.93
\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$158.46
\$5,000 and over	\$167.10

Minor Home Modifications	
Invoice Price	SFY 04/05 Rates
Under \$500	9.89% of cost
\$500 to \$999.99	\$79.16
\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$117.55
\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$130.22
\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$162.09
\$2,500 to \$2,999.99	\$194.34
\$3,000 to \$3,499.99	\$224.69
\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$255.43
\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$281.15
\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$306.49
\$5,000 to \$5,499.99	\$332.21
\$5,500 to \$5,999.99	\$357.94
\$6,000 to \$6,499.99	\$390.80
\$6,500 and over	\$424.04